

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	Item ID	20379	Agenda Number	58.
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Meeting Date:	12/6/2012	Department:	Transportation
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**Subject**

Approve a resolution authorizing the submission of an application for a federal construction grant in an amount not to exceed \$382,494 under the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Transportation Enhancement Program for the first phase of the Decker Lane Pedestrian Facility and Bridge project.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

The required local match of \$382,494 will be split by Travis County and the City of Austin in an equal amount of \$191,247, with the City amount from the Transportation Department Capital Budget.

**Fiscal Note**

There is no fiscal impact associated with submitting the grant application; no fiscal note is required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	March 5, 2009: Council approved Sidewalk Master Plan; June 11 2009: Council approved the Bicycle Master Plan; June 14, 2012: Council approved Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan.
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

**Additional Backup Information**

Travis County, TxDOT and the City of Austin propose a partnership to construct a concrete sidewalk and pedestrian bridge within the existing right-of-way on the west side of Decker Lane, from Loyola Lane to Daffan Lane. It is the first phase of future improvements to mitigate an existing safety hazard, enhance mobility for non-motorized users, and implement a healthy, interconnected environment consistent with Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan. This project will serve the Colony Park Station, adopted as a Neighborhood Activity Center, Imagine Austin Growth Concept Map (Page A-30, Imagine Austin).

The project will connect Decker Elementary and Middle Schools, existing Capital Metro bus stops, retail and residential land use in the Colony Park neighborhood, the Travis County Expo Center regional venue, and the City's future Austin to Manor Rail Trail. Two auto/pedestrian fatalities have occurred since 2009. Recently in August 2012 a 13-year old bicyclist was killed just south of Daffan Lane while riding his bicycle on Decker Lane. There are no sidewalks or bike lanes located on this section of Decker Lane.

The project is in an Economically Distressed Census Place. The 2010 Census indicates block groups along the project had minority populations between 74.2% to 99.5%, and per capita income ranging from \$9,923 to \$24,077. Two census tracts bordering the project have 30.3% of the population living below the national poverty level.

The overall cost of the project is approximately \$1.66 million, and the 20% local match amount will be split equally (\$191,247) by the City and County through a future interlocal agreement. Travis County and the City will obligate equal funds to complete preliminary engineering and project design if federal funding is awarded for the project. TxDOT will oversee the project letting, construction administration and maintenance.